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ODIOUS COMPARISONS

When Mr. E. T. Higgs was trying to square him self with his constituents in Charlottetown he asked them to remember what the government had done to the farmers. The city taxation, he declared, was light compared with that placed upon the farmers who were taxed two and a half times more than they were by the former government. The city constituents found little solace in the comparison although many of them are still wondering how Mr. Higgs is going to square himself over the alleged promise given to him by the government that the City poll tax would be reduced to two dollars. This promise, like all other Liberal promises, is still in the air and not likely to come down. The farmers, however, are gratful to Mr. Higgs for blurting out the truth about the country taxation, even although he did it in self defence. The country Liberal members and the Patriot declared that the country taxes were no heavier than under the former government—and there you are.

"REJOICING IN TRIBULATION."

There are different ways of looking at calamity. The optimist sees some glint of sunshine through the darkest cloud. A gentleman was heard to remark the other day that notwithstanding the fact that the new taxation of the Bell Government was going to fall pretty heavily upon him he found a good deal of consolation in the fact that three of his neighbors who had been dyed in the wool of Liberals and had sworn by the Liberals from early childhood were now anathematizing the Bell government as vigorously and as fluently as the rankest Conservative. He hoped, wickedly he admitted, that his Liberal neighbors would be "salted" as liberally as he knew the Conservatives would be. This hope sustained him as he examined his returns for the year and contemplated the inroads the new tax would make upon his income. But, while "rejoicing in tribulation," he was also "rejoicing in hope" for he had heard of a number of districts which were about to hold meeting to demand the resignation of the whole Liberal gang.

PRIDE VS VANITY

In the course of a recent novel the following stinction is made between pride and vanity.:

"If I were a mongrel and thought myself a prize bull-pup—that would be vanity. But when I know that I am a prize bull-pup and when I take leave to remind myself and other people of the fact, that's pride. And when I have sworn to fulfil the destiny of the prize bull-pup and be one of the intellectual forces that'll carry the Empire along to victory, that's not vanity, its pride, reckoned first of the dealy sins. If I glory in it, well, according to the theologians, its my damnation; according to me, its the other way about."

The distinction is well drawn. The strong intellectually capable man has a right to assert himself, to use his powers for the betterment of the world. He knows what he is capable of and he not only has a right to place himself where strength and intellect count but it is his duty to do it. When he sees a weakling undertaking to do what it would require strength to do he should not be accused of vanity if he places himself in the breach. It is his right and his duty.

Probably nine tenths of the world's trouble today arises from the fact that there are so many "mongrels" who regard themselves as "prize bull-pups" and undertake to do what only the latter can do. An ornamental collar on a mongrel will not make him a bull pup, nor will the lack of a collar make the latter a mongrel. They are distinct species.

The time has arrived in this world's history when classification must be made upon merit not only upon artificial distinctions either dog-collars or man-collars, either prize ribbons in the shape of wealth or lack of decoration in the shape of material wealth. The reconstruction of the world after five years of war followed by nearly two years of digging among the war's debris will afford work and plenty of it for all the strong men that can be found. There is no room for the mongrel either in the industrial or the political or the social world. These are the days of the prize bull-pups.

NOT YET.

Those who had expected the millennium on the advent of the Bell Government are somewhat disappointed. It is the old story—too much prediction, too much promise, and now the weariness of waiting and that without hope.

It is an unfortunate circumstance for any province or for any country when its leaders have forfeited the confidence of their people. This is our position today—every promise broken, roads neglected, the interests of the province sacrificed, unnecessary taxes imposed in order to make jobs for political friends. ,

CURRENT COMMENT

The Manufacturers Association are touring Western Canada attending conventions in different places, and inaugurating a campaign of education to bring East and West more into union with each other with a view to greater harmony in working out the problems of agricultural and industrial co-operation for the common good. At Medicine Hat, Mayor Brown, (one of our successful Islanders) one of the leading spirits of the Alberta Industrial Congress, welcomed the delegates. At the reception he spoke of the cheap fuel and power supplies in the city. Natural gas supplied to manufacturers at five cents per thousand, and to homes for twenty cents. The supply is practically unlimited and arrangements are contemplated to pipe it into Winnipeg 600 miles away. If within twenty years this supply runs out they have a contract with a coal company five miles away to supply coal at $1 per ton f. o. b. the factory. This price for coal would be very popular in P. E. Island. The advent of factories in the West would bring them more into the community interest with the rest of Canada, and soften the call for special tariffs to meet special conditions.

As remarked yesterday, the Patriot afraid of its shadow in the sunlight has taken to the bush from behind which it shows its "courage." And it is quite willing to make the city members, Messrs Duffy and Higgs the scape-goats for its own aims. Our comment was upon what the Patriot said, and not on the utterances of the city members. The Liberal prevaricator knew this when that article was concocted. It asks the "Guardian to tell us why Mr. Paton was unable to persuade his Government to hold the S. S. Harland here." The cases are vastly different. Mr. Paton, DID NOT PROMISE TO HOLD THE HARLAND HERE, but the Charlottetown Patriot, DID MAKE THE IMPLIED PROMISE THAT IF DUFFY AND HIGGS WERE ELECTED THE NORTHUMBERLAND WOULD BE ON THE PICTOU ROUTE. And it seeks now to deceive the people into the belief that the Newfoundland steamship service is a gift of the local Government. Yet this "daw in borrowed feathers" knows full well that this is absolutely a federal matter, and that the Bell combination had no more part in it than the man in the moon.

And under a "non de plume" it takes the Lieutenant Governor to task in a manner which is not to its credit. Criticisms of a highly responsible personage, the representative of His Majesty the King, in his official acts, should at least be from some recognized origin. It asks the question "Who rules the country; is it the legislature through its representatives, or is it HIS Honour¶" What foolish balderdash! An infant in parliamentary practice could answer:—neither. It must be the act of both. True enough the ruling aggregation would like to usurp both, but pity the country if it were so. It asks "Have we got a government in this province, or have we not." LET IT PUT THIS QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS IN THE FORM OF AN ELECTION AND IT WILL GET AN UNHESITATING AND QUICK REPLY, and whatever we have today whether you call it a government or an incubus, one thing is certain we will have something absolutely different when the votes are polled.

From the earliest of our days,

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HERE AND HEREAFTER

When I am dead, if men can say,
"He helped the world upon its way:
With all his faults of word and deed
Mankind did have some little need
Of what he gave"—then in my grave
No greater honor shall I crave.

If they can say—if they but can—
"He did his best; he played the man;
His way was straight; his soul was clean;
His failings not unkind, nor mean;
He loved his fellow men and tried
To help them"—I'll be satisfied.

But when I'm gone, if even one
Can weep because my life is done
And feel the world is something bare
Because I am no longer there;
Call me a knave, my life misspent
No matter, I shall be content.—

Select Thoughts.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

His Honor the Lieut. Governor returns the official visit to the Admiral, Thursday forenoon of His Majesty's ship, Calcutta. His Honor was attended by his Aides, Col. S. R. Jenkins and Major Bartlett and Private Secretary, Captain Palmer. After a survey of the ship, which is the first to visit our waters since the war, was completed, invitations were extended to Lady Maud McIntosh, Miss Dorothy Schofield and members of the staff, for a fishing trip which was later enjoyed at Wisener's Pond, Lake Verde. The visitors were charmed with their outing.

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Lady Maud McIntosh and Miss Schofield motored to Borden yesterday, and crossed in the afternoon by the Car Ferry returning on noon by the Car Ferry, returning on the Maritime to Ottawa.

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Mr. F. J. Mizzy of Springfield, Mass. was a visitor here this week accompanied by his young friend, Mr Beebee who is to remain in the Garden Province to learn fox farming.

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The visit of the American Newspaper people to this city and Summerside last week was one thoroughly enjoyed by the visitors and

when the then dime had the purchasing power of the dollar of today, when our hardworking people were poor in comparison with our present wealth, and all through the changes of over two centuries, ALWAYS PROVIDED A RESIDENCE FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS GRACIOUS MAJESTY, THE KING AND OF HER BELOVED MAJESTY, QUEEN VICTORIA. Not until the present incapables took charge, was this province called upon to suffer the disgrace of inhospitality to the representative of the Crown. In the early days of the previous Liberal Government over a quarter of a century ago, an act was proposed, to close Government House at the expiration of the term of the then occupant, but public opinion would not tolerate it, and instead of dispensing with it, it was continued on even a more elaborate scale. The Bell Government however seemed to come to the conclusion that they could better expend money in increased salaries for themselves, so they waltzed these up at a handsome rate, adding about $13,000 to the tax bill of the country, less the $1200 saved in rent of Government House. It fits into the whole story of these provincial bunglers. Neglect of practically every thing which could benefit the country. TAXATION of the severest character, to provide an enormous and unneeded revenue, the shameful mutilation of our educational system and breach of confidence with teachers, electors and all with whom they have come in contact.

The Toledo "News Bee' publishes a cartoon representing a lofty burning building from the top window of which a portly gentleman, inflated to a spherical appearance, is jumping to escape the scorching flames. He is labeled "Cost of Living." Below a number of laughing and happy consumers are holding a receptacle to catch him marked "sane basis" with the remarks, "now jump dog-gone yuh" and "he's gotta come down." This is the truth in are. There are "bulls and bears" in commerce as well as in the stock market, and those who have big interests at stake, heavy stocks of high cost goods on hand and whose past wealth accumulation is not satisfying, will "bull" the markets as far as they are able while they unload. But everything points to the handwriting on the wall, that their picnic of exorbitant prices is nearing its end and that a "sane basis" of prices is not far distant.

The Patriot devotes nearly two columns of space in its Thursday's issue airing the opinion of the Montreal Gazette which seeks to condemn a contract made by the Union Government which has otherwise met the approval of the best thinking men in Canada. The Gazette, which is ultra-conservative, an evident advocate of patronage and opposed to the civil service programme, and not in sympathy with the Union principle or method of government, has frequently so expressed itself. The evening organ has got hold of one of those articles and adopts it holus bolus as fit food for the Liberal gods. The contract referred to is an Order-in-Council engaging experts to weed out the unnecessary employees in the Postal and Customs service and save this needless cost to the country. It seems incomprehensible to the Patriot that a paper, supposedly a supporter of a government, could be outspoken against any of its acts. It apparently has not read the Toronto Globe's opinions of Hon. McKenzie King, or if it has it has not reproduced them with heavy headlines on its front page as it has this Gazette Morsel.

their hosts. The programme was replete, the guests finding every moment crowded with sight seeing or social entertainment. In Summerside Mrs. Holman entertained at her lovely home while luncheon was partaken of here at the Experimental Station and afternoon tea at Government House, where Mrs. McKinnon was assisted by a committee of ladies. The drive to Dr. Leo Frank's Fox Ranch afforded sights that greatly impressed the strangers who are now personally interested in the black fox industry of the Garden Province.

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Regretful farewells were said to Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce and family who left for Washington yesterday morning.

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The new American Consul, Mr. Thompson is cordially welcome to Charlottetown.

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Dr. Clarence McKinnon, principal of the Presbyterian College, Pine Hill left Thursday for Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where on the Sunday after his arrival he will preach in one of the leading Presbyterian churches. He is always an honored guest on his visits to the American cities, where his ability and the charm of his personality are not unknown, as also his gallant and important service as chaplain during the Great War. From Pittsburg Dr. MacKinnon will go to Atlantic City for the great gathering there of Rotarians from all over this continent, and shortly after his return to Halifax, he will, in company with Mrs. MacKinnon, leave for St. John's Nfld., where the two will spend the month. A host of friends will wish them the fullest possible measure of enjoyment and refreshment from their trip.

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Miss Elaine Aitken, one of the June brides-to-be is being widely entertained by the younger social set among whom she is a great favorite. On Tuesday evening she was the guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower, Miss Helen Wakeford being hostess, and received many delightful remembrances.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Grant are leaving this morning to attend the Rotary Convention in Atlantic City.

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Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sinclair and little son of St. John are being cordially welcomed by a host of friends.

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Mrs. W. T. Prowse and children have gone on a holiday trip to Mrs. Prowse's home in Ripley, Ont.

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Mrs. T.W. Morris and children have gone to Boston on a holiday trip.

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Miss Pauline Rogers is being welcomed home from Havengal, Toronto, where she completed a most successful year's work.

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Among those receiving diplomas at the graduating exercises of St. Luke's Hospital training school, New Bedford, Mass., on Jue 3rd, was Miss Bernice Norton of Charlottetown, P.E.I. Miss Norton won the Mary P. Green scholarship of $250. for the nurse who had the best record for conduct and general training during her three years course. This scholarship entitles her to a post graduate course at Columbia University. Miss Norton is a daughter of Mr. G.B. Norton, city.

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Miss Enid and Miss Mattie McFarlane, Summerside, have returned home from McDonald College, St. Annes De Bellevue. Miss Enid is receiving congratulations on having the distinction of winning the Governor General's Gold Medal for general proficiency.

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Miss Ida Henderson has as her guests this week Mr. and Mrs. McAulay of Vancouver, who are being cordially welcomed and entertained by former friends.

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Admiral Sir Alan Everett, Capt. Noble, M.V.O., and the officers of H.M.S. Calcutta were entertained at an At Home and dance at old Government House last evening, which was gaily decorated for the happy occasion. The affair was under the auspices of the P.E. Island Branch of the Navy League, and the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, and was one of the nicest social events of the season.

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Mrs. R. R. Fitzgerald is here from Halifax, on a visit before returning to her home in the West.

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The engagement was announced this week of Miss Helen Elaine Aitken, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Henry Aitken, to Mr. William Ernest Champion of Alberton, wedding to take place June 23rd.

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Dr. and Mrs. Dewar, entertained the nurses of the P. E. Island Hospital, and a number of their gentlemen friends at one of the jolliest auto rides, supper and dances this season. Early Tuesday evening several autos conveyed the guests down to Pownal where a delightful supper was served by Mrs. Carver. After several speeches and music, a few hours were whiled away with dancing. The nurses were charmed with the kind thoughtfulness of Dr. and Mrs. Dewar.

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Archbishop and Mrs. Worrell left Thursday for Montreal, whence they intend to sail on the 19th for London, England, to attend the meetings of the Lambeth Conference The Archbishop and his wife expect to be absent about two months', contemplating a return to Canada late in August. They will sail by the steamer Melita.

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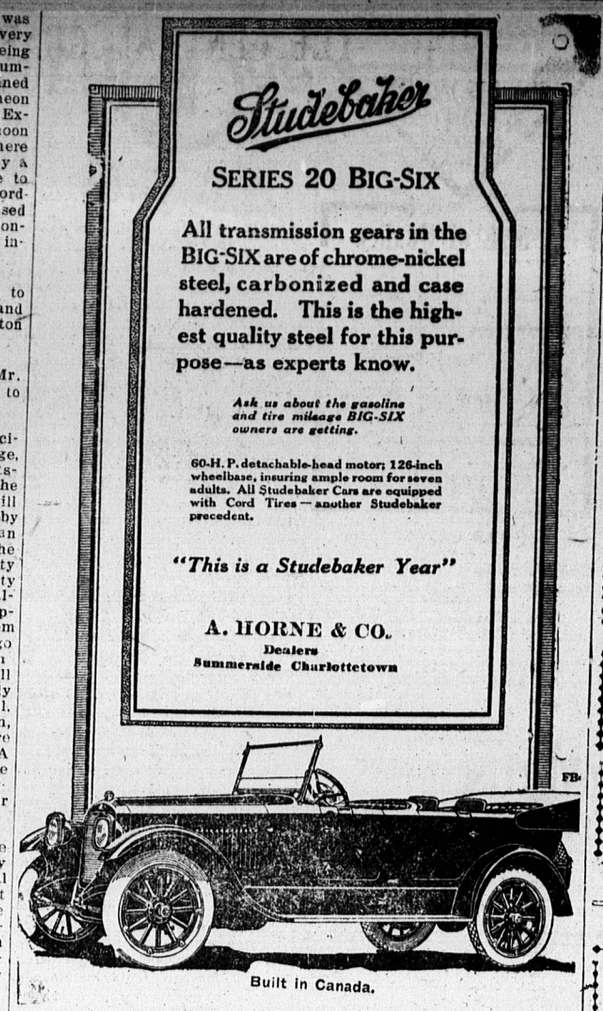
Dr. Jack Haszard, and Mrs. Haszard, who have been renewing friendships here, are leaving on return this morning, the Doctor to Montreal and Mrs. Haszard going on to Princeton to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. G.A.B. MacDonald.



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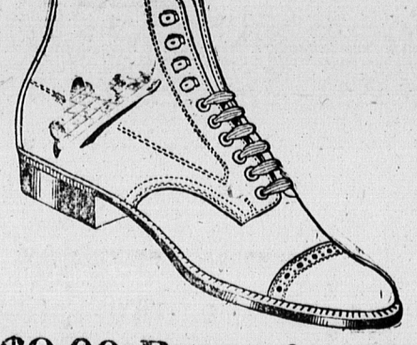

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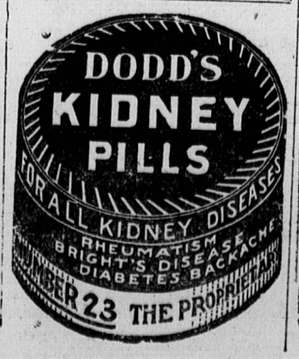
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